

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5495-01  
Bill No.: HB 2050  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Boards, Commissions, Committees,  
Councils; Elections  
Type: Original  
Date: April 16, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal converts the position of school superintendent to an elective office.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** state that it does not appear that this proposal would have a fiscal impact on the state.

Officials from the **Parkway School District** assume this proposal would result in some cost reduction due to salary caps, but would also increase costs to pay for an election.

Officials from the **Mexico School District** state that to put an election or ballot issue on the slate in their county costs approximately \$10,000. This would be a new, recurring cost to their school district.

Officials from the **St Louis County Board of Elections** state there would be no fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes there could be cost savings to local school districts that could more than offset election costs.

**This proposed legislation was sent to the following school districts, none of which responded to a request for fiscal impact: Blue Springs, Branson, Columbia, Fair Grove, Francis Howell, Independence, Jefferson City, Kirksville, Lee's Summit, Nixa, Parkway, Raytown, Sedalia, Sikeston, Silex, Special School District of St Louis County, Spickard, Springfield, St Charles, St Joseph, St Louis City, Sullivan.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - School Districts - Reduction in superintendent salaries due to salary caps	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Cost</u> - School Districts - Election costs	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<u><b>Unknown</b></u>	<u><b>Unknown</b></u>	<u><b>Unknown</b></u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The office of superintendent of schools shall become an elective office as of the opening date of the candidate filing period for school board elections scheduled for calendar year 2013. In the event that no person files to become a candidate for superintendent of schools, a majority of the members of the board of education may appoint an interim superintendent who shall serve until July first after the next available election cycle that produces a candidate for superintendent. An elected superintendent shall take office at noon on July first and shall serve a term of three years or until his or her successor takes office.

Any vacancy occurring in the office of superintendent shall be filled by a person appointed by a majority of the members of the board of education. The person appointed shall hold office until the next municipal election, when a superintendent shall be elected for the unexpired term.

The board of education of the district shall set the salary of the superintendent of schools on the following basis:

(1) In a school district that has had an average daily attendance of three hundred fifty or less for three of the last four school years, the salary for the superintendent shall not exceed one

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

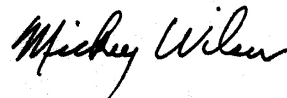
hundred ten percent of the average salary of the district's certificated staff; or

(2) In a school district that has had an average daily attendance of more than three hundred fifty for three of the last four school years, the salary for the superintendent shall not be less than sixty percent and shall not exceed one hundred twenty percent of the average salary of the district's certificated staff.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
School Districts  
    Parkway  
    Mexico  
St Louis County Board of Elections



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